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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND CONTINGENT ELECTION OF
SPECIES REQUIREMENT WITH TRAVERSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement and contingent Election of Species Requirement of June 19, 2006, in which a one-month shortened statutory period was set to expire on July 19, 2006, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the embodiments of the invention identified as Invention I, to which the claims of Group I (i.e., claims 1-17 and 21) are directed (as identified by the Examiner), and the Species of the invention identified as Species I, upon which claims 1-4 and 21 are readable (as identified by the Examiner). Such elections are made with traverse for the reasons as set forth in detail hereinbelow.